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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1797**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shogo HIROSE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1797

Application No.: 10/667,339

Examiner: J. LEUNG

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Docket No.: 117255

For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE
STRUCTURE, AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM USING THE
STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 19, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-21 are pending in this application. Claims 13-15 stand withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10-12, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S.

Patent No. 5,853,459 to Kuwamoto et al. ("Kuwamoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,566,545 to Hijikata et al. ("Hijikata") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,464,185 to Tomita et al. ("Tomita"). Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kuwamoto, Hijikata and Tomita and further in view of EP 1 128 031 to Hidaka et al. ("Hidaka"). Finally, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kuwamoto, Hijikata and Tomita and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,689 to Manson. These rejections are respectfully traversed.